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BRIEFING NOTES

MIDDLE EAST

✓ I. In the Middle East, the Arab summit conference which convened Monday at Casablanca is to deal with a variety of inter-Arab problems, the most important of which have to do with Arab opposition to Israel.

A. One of these is the Arabs' Jordan River diversion project.



✓ B. Another big question concerns the strengthening of Jordan's and Lebanon's armed forces, and especially whether they should get Russian-built MIGs or Western-manufactured supersonic aircraft.

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- ✓1. So far, King Husayn and the Lebanese have resisted Nasir's pressure to obtain MIGs

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- ✓2. The US, however, wants to avoid becoming a supplier of jet aircraft to either the Arabs or the Israelis, and Jordanian and Lebanese negotiations with the French are bogged down over the cost of French Mirage fighters.

- ✓3. The French have offered Jordan an improved model of their Mirage III fighter, but it will be unavailable until 1969 and costs more than four times what Jordan would have to pay for a MIG.

- ✓4. Nasir has a strong lever in this instance because the United Arab Command, which he dominates, is putting up the money for the aircraft.

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Yemen

- ✓ II. On August 23rd Nasir and Faysal signed a pact to end the Yemen civil war over a period of fifteen months. It incorporates all main points of contention:
 - ✓ A. Over the first three months, Saudi aid to the Yemen royalists will cease, and a caretaker Yemeni government will be set up with Saudi-Egyptian truce teams to enforce the cease fire.
 - ✓ B. During the next 10 months the 55,000 Egyptian troops in Yemen will be withdrawn.

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- ✓ C. The final 2 months will be used for a nationwide plebiscite to decide on the ultimate form of government for Yemen.
- ✓ III. Both Yemeni sides have, with some reluctance, supported the pact, and initial steps in the cease-fire have been generally successful.
- A. Saudi-Egyptian relations have already improved, as is seen from Faysal's visit to Cairo last week.

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